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PRIME GIDGEGANNUP LAND PREDICTED TO SPARK DEVELOPER BUZZ

A large portfolio of nine (9) properties forming part of a tract of land that was once earmarked for a majorly intensified townsite expansion in Gidgegannup - 40km northeast of Perth - has hit the market, under instructions by the Mortgagee in Possession.

End-to-end development specialist property services firm Effective Property Solutions (EPS) has been contracted by the Mortgagee in Possession to sell the land package of nine lots, comprising nearly 176 hectares, on Toodyay Rd.

Head of Property Investment at EPS Ollie Salimi said the significant development site land portfolio was zoned 'Urban' under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and 'General Rural and Rural Residential' under the City of Swan's Town Planning Scheme.

"These lots were once set to be part of ambitious plans to build a tourist, holiday and lifestyle destination for up to 4,500 residents within the rural townsite of Gidgegannup by former listed property developer Port Bouvard," explained Mr Salimi.

"Port Bouvard failed to settle on the 483 hectares and after its owner, Perth-based property magnate Michael Coleman, passed away it was sold in

2019 to a private syndicate of business owners."

Mr Salimi said he believed interest in the land in the scenic Perth hills would be very strong.

"We expect robust demand from rural residential developers within Western Australia and Australia and suspect it will also gain attention from offshore developers as this large tract of rural land is ripe for successful urban development," he stated.

"It's strategically situated, adjacent to the local town centre which encompasses retail outlets, medical amenities, a primary and high school, and a football oval.

"Any incoming developer would likely be looking to seek approval to subdivide the land into rural residential lots of 2000 sqm to 4000 sqm.

"The land will require connection to scheme water, however won't need the expensive connection to the main sewer catchment."

The nine lots forming part of this sale are: Lots 7, 11, 91, 150, 175, 201, 298, 301, and 800 and total 175.85 hectares.

Offers can be made to EPS by contacting - Head of Property Investment - Ollie Salimi on ollie@effectiveproperty.com.au.

This international campaign closes Wednesday September 25th at 2 pm WST.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

WHAT DOES THE GIDGE AG SOCIETY DO?

It manages, somehow. For now ...

The Gidgegannup Agricultural Society is administered by volunteers. Volunteers who are predominantly members of the older generation working tirelessly to deliver the annual Gidgegannup Show and the publication of the Gidgegram, as required, among other things, by the Objects of the 2019 GAS Constitution. Without replenishing of volunteers, this may not be able to continue.

Recent research into community sporting clubs showed that almost two out of three clubs (63%) highlighted their main challenge in the last 12 months as not having enough volunteers. The challenges that these community sporting clubs face are synonymous with the challenges faced by not only the Gidge Ag Society, but across the nation by all community volunteer organisations.

Now I've spoken to many folks about this dilemma in recent years and my conclusion is that there is an intergenerational disparity between the meaning of the word 'volunteer'. Older generations often say there is 'increasing lack of interest and involvement by younger generations' but I don't think this is necessarily true.

So, in a world where technology is playing a bigger part in everything we do, I asked Leo the AI Assistant, "Does volunteering mean different things to different generations?"

Well, wouldn't you know it ... based on search results, Leo assures me that 'volunteering appears to hold distinct meanings and motivations for different generations':

- 'Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964): For this generation, volunteering is often driven by a sense of social responsibility, civic duty and a desire to give back to society. They may view volunteering as a way to reduce mental distress and improve their overall wellbeing.'
- 'Younger Generations (born 1981-2000, Millennials and Gen Z): For these generations, volunteering is often

motivated by a desire for personal growth, skill-building, and networking opportunities. They may be more likely to engage in virtual volunteering and flexible, short-term commitments.'

Being born somewhere in between the Baby Boomers and the Younger Generations, it appears that I don't fit any volunteer mould!

What I do know with utmost certainty though is that without the tireless efforts of too few volunteers throughout the year, who often put themselves at risk of 'burn out', there would be no Gidge Show and there would be no Gidgegram each month in our letter boxes. Maybe we have to find a way to encourage those who seek "... flexible, short-term commitments"?

So, from the bottom of my heart, I express sincere thanks to all those volunteers past and present who have given and continue to give so much of their valued time to make the Show a reality each year. Gidge 2024 is on the horizon and I encourage every member of the wider Gidgegannup community to seriously consider becoming involved for future years.

Please reach out to me or any other Member of the GAS Committee to discuss possibilities. Chief Hall Steward Ali Archer (0447 580 044) would be particularly pleased to hear from you.

Thank you.
Marcus Hemsted
President

PS And many thanks to all our new contributors and advertisers.
Good to see what you can offer.



I want to take a moment to thank everyone who contacted me in so many different ways after Steve's long illness and sad passing. Your thoughts, messages and prayers were of great support to me and our family in a very difficult time.

Thank you all.

Kay and the extended Williamson Family



GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (INC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR 2024

Please tick: SINGLE MEMBERSHIP ☐ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ☐

Membership runs from 1 January to 31 December in the year of application and fees are paid annually

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Applications for Membership will be considered at the next Committee Meeting of the Society

www.gidgegannup.info/gidgegannup-agricultural-society/

Queries: secretary@gidgeagsociety.com.au

Children attending Primary & Secondary schools are included in Family Membership.

Child 1 - Name & Date of Birth:

Child 2 - Name & Date of Birth:

Child 3 - Name & Date of Birth:

(If necessary, attach additional Family Members separately.)

Membership fees: Family: \$30.00 Single: \$15.00

Members must be financial to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Society



FRIENDS of RESERVE 2145 / GIDGE RESERVE - *Plant 800 native tubestock*

Our Friends Group had three successful planting days during winter and the City of Swan supplied us with 800 native tubestock, all species suited to Gidgegannup.

The first planting was the last Sunday in May and a great turnout saw us put in around 300 plants and install guards around them. The ground was still dry but good luck saw the heavens open the next day so the plants got watered in well.

For our June planting we had another great turnout and this time the ground was moist but not sodden - perfect conditions for another morning of helping to restore this valuable area.



*Fiona and her son Dan,
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On the last Sunday in July we moved to a different area near Toodyay Road and planted out an area we worked on last year. Due to the long dry period over summer/autumn a lot of the plants we put in hadn't survived so we just removed the guards and placed the plants.

These plantings are aimed to improve the degraded areas of the Reserve and to provide habitat and resources for local birds, insects and animals.

A big thank you to the City of Swan for the use of their auger and supplying the plants. Thanks are due also to Andrea for posting on social media and to all the other people who take pride in giving up a few hours of their time to help revitalise an area where anyone can walk and enjoy.

We will be holding a Wildflower Wander/Bushwalk on Sunday 6th October, meeting at the Fireshed at 9.00am. **All welcome. Contact 0408 884 490 for further details.**

The Friends Group would like to pass on condolences to Sandra Harms' family for their sad loss. Sandra was always so helpful to us.



AGM and the future!!!

In June we held our Debriefing Meeting and took the whole event apart seeing what worked and what didn't and how we could improve it. This is always a great exercise directly after the event as if you leave it a while one tends to forget the points that didn't quite make it.

The Committee always goes round the event talking to exhibitors, visitors, entertainers and getting their views.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 30th July at 7.30pm at 661 Reserve Road, Gidgegannup. We combine the evening with the Community Website AGM as most of us are on both committees. *Visitors are welcome and we also welcome those wanting to join us with open arms.* To contact us - either by the above email or 0418 928 549.

Now the committee have dispersed to various ends of the globe and we will be back together in October.

We will then be meeting with the Countryman and planning for the 2025 Field Day.

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Gidge Gossips

By Sally Block

Hasn't stopped raining since last Gidgegram and now just on 700 mm for the year. So we should reach our average for the year of 750mm soon and, hopefully, exceed it. You wonder with my preoccupation with rain? Last summer left few of us in doubt that like it or not, we have to have a wet winter. Our dams are full up, the tanks are full and the water table has risen so the bore is pumping a lot faster. Feed is a foot high in some of the paddocks we have locked up. Flip side is that in the paddocks on the banks of the brooks we are up to our ankles in mud, the higher paddocks are much better. I have been wearing Wellingtons since June.

The Brooks are running fast now and are both full Equitus and Wooroloo. One of the benefits of the Wooroloo fire is that it appears to have widened our brooks and although up to the bridges they have not come over yet. This makes a problem when moving cows and sheep as we don't want any of the young ones being swept away. They are safe from the Wooroloo as that is fully fenced but the Equitus is not and runs through the front paddocks before joining the Wooroloo behind our house.

Cows are producing calves like theres no tomorrow and the sheep are producing little black lambs, 10 of them at the moment. Lambing is very late, we normally start in June but they are making up for it this year. So - that means we need a big reduction on the cows, must sell at least 15 this year or we will be rolling out round bales every day come February but at least there should be hay this season. At the moment we are using the small compressed export bales of oaten hay, which are lethal when you cut the plastic strapping.

Thank goodness no foals this year, delivering foals in muddy paddocks in the rain is no fun! Feel sorry for the horses out in the rain, but they all have shelters so can get under cover if they want it.

We might be on the move again in Gidge. Refer : <https://www.realestate.com.au/property-lifestyle-wa-gidgegannup-700320412>

Some of the urban zoned land fronting on to the Toodyay Road is up for sale. Interesting to see what the next move is on the Urbanisation of Gidgegannup. Dare I say this has

been ongoing for the last 15 - 20 yrs.

Also an up date on EastLink, and the two (like it or not) go together. <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/all-projects/metropolitan/eastlinkwa/>

Seems the GPA are getting annoyed about the City's handling of a DA for an excavation licence. Ratepayers are going to be landed with paying for the upgrade to roads, whilst at the same time seeing their properties devalued (those in proximity).

That is Gidge in September 2024, though we do have the Show to look forward to.....Want any cows, get in touch.

With the fire season rapidly approaching:

Volunteer Fire Department A fire started on some grasslands near a farm. The county fire department was called to put out the fire. The fire was more than the county fire department could handle. Someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called. Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made. The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the centre of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily-controlled parts.

Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a cheque for \$1,000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. *"The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"*

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Next Meetings: 16th September & 21st October 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

The next meetings of the GPA will be held on 16th September, 21st October, 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall, Showgrounds, Gidgegannup.

RENOVATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, GIDGE SHOWGROUNDS

We have now received a response from the City:

Following consultation with users, the programme has been updated considering the impact of the works and available budget. The revised approach is to award construction just before Gidge Show Day in 2025 for an immediate start on site once the event is complete.

i.e Award in Late September 2025, nominating a start date on site by 1st November 2025.

We understand that Small Farm Field Day will be impacted, and further discussions around alternative accommodation will be required.

As noted below, Gidge Men's Shed are progressing plans to construct a new shed on the tennis courts. We need to keep the construction programme in mind for both projects to avoid site interruptions and note the possibility to share this space during events. I believe the group are still seeking funding to achieve this however, and we may not be able to rely on this option until further information is available.

Comment: View expressed that although this is an improvement it is still a long time to carry out the work required.

Experience Gidgegannup commented that they would be negotiating with the City regarding a large Marquee for the Food and Wine area, plus extra portable toilets.

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF NAME:

No input on this at all from email to members, post on fb or Gidgegram. *Would suggest this is raised at our next AGM.*

Comment: no feedback as yet but we will keep advertising the proposal - name suggested would be in line with other groups locally "Gidgegannup Residents and Ratepayers Association", which would reflect better the community we represent in Gidgegannup. There would need to be a Special General meeting or this proposal could be tabled at the next AGM.

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL - S.31 TRIBUNAL RECONSIDERATION - REFUSAL OF INDUSTRY - EXTRACTIVE - Lot 201 (No.165) Reen Road, GIDGEGANNUP - DA (Development Application)-920/2022

There is still a great deal of concern regarding this DA and its approval process.

A member of the community has contacted us regarding issues with the sightlines from the driveway of Lot 201.

The City have investigated and there is an issue. Also, although making a submission on the matter originally they had not been informed when this came to Council again. State of this section of Reen Road has been raised on several occasions recently by residents and GPA. Also raised in submissions regarding this DA.

We believe that, the driveway issue should have been noted before this approval. There have been several site visits by City staff to the property.

We, as a community, have to constantly monitor these conditions and submit written complaints to City cc. I would say to all Councillors not just SV/G ones. There were five councillors who still supported this application being refused and it was, it appears, just the monetary issue that swayed the argument. Might be worth pointing out how much this approval is and will be affecting values of properties in Landscape zoning. Many hundreds of thousands more than taking the case further.

These residents weren't informed of the Council meeting to revisit this application. It appears, even though they submitted an objection. There were thirteen submissions objecting to this proposal, were all those submitters advised of the Council meeting in June. It was commented on at the Agenda Forum that there had been little further comment from those against this DA, perhaps this was the reason; that they did not know about it.

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There has been a response from the City regarding these matters:

Further to the review of sightlines and pruning that was undertaken, City staff have also reviewed signage on Reen Road. There were a variety of signage improvements identified including additional speed zone signage, advisory speed signage, intersection warning signage, winding road signage, curve advisory signage and street name signs. Staff have drafted plans for these which have been submit to MRWA for approval and installation (*the street signs will be installed by the City's contractors*).

The GPA is extremely concerned at the lack of due process in handling this Development Application. The lack of justification for excavating rock from the firebreaks when we have reports that these firebreaks were satisfactory. Compared with some in Gidgegannup they were far more navigable.

There was nothing in the conditions to cover Reen Road and its need to be upgraded for this Excavation Industry and who was to pay for such an upgrade as is usual for these industries. In the case of the Reserve Road quarry, the proponents had to pay for widening the road and for a deceleration lane from Toodyay Road. It now appears that it is the ratepayer who is going to pay for this signage, if approved by Main Roads.

It is interesting to note that at the Council Meeting held on 12th June the following queries were raised.

"Item:14.3.2 - State Administrative Tribunal - S.31 Reconsideration - Refusal Of Industry - Q1 A1 Q2 A2 Extractive - Lot 201 (No.165) Reen Road, Gidgegannup (Da920-22)

1. *The heavy haulage trucks that are running, will they be running under permits, and will they contribute to the upkeep of the road?* (A) The movement of trucks into the property at Reen Road for the purposes of transporting material out of the property and then return to the property won't be able to occur unless this application is approved. In the recommendation to council there is no condition

recommended that the applicant or owner of the property makes a contribution to the upgrade of Reen Road. The City therefore did not consider it necessary for this application to be so conditioned.

2. *Does that mean he can run any size truck in any combination?* (A) No, if the applicant was looking at running a vehicle that is over size by way of length, or width, or height, the applicant would need approval from Main Roads to run such vehicles. There is no suggestion in this application that the applicant is seeking to utilise vehicles that are a hazard to light vehicles."

GPA have raised the merit of a Bond for maintenance of Reen Road and were informed that the City did not impose Bonds any more as they were too difficult and time consuming to administer. There was also the view expressed that such bonds would be onerous on the proponent.

Comment: this is extremely short sighted of the City considering the cost of ongoing maintenance and repair to Reen Road with the daily use of trucks that approval of this DA will cause. We see no reason why the ratepayer should have to pay for this upkeep of the road. This should be an obligation of the proponent.

Comment: We were advised that the proponent had agreed not to proceed with the new proposed alternate 6m firebreak.

This still appears in the Minute text "The amended application is for the extraction of hard rock within three (3) existing 3m wide firebreaks, five (5) existing 6m wide alternate firebreaks and within one (1) new proposed 6m wide alternate firebreak as per the attached new Site Plan No.9622-FIG-05-G."

"No vegetation will be removed but pruning of an estimated 140m2 of vegetation will occur for the installation of the proposed new 6m wide alternate firebreak. Such work will not require a clearing permit from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)."

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Note - does not appear on new Site Plan.

Although, we are told, the intent has been advised that this new proposed alternate 6m firebreak will not proceed and vegetation will not be cleared to allow this; this not clarified in the Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2024 do need amendment to reflect this. The GPA feels there is no room for ambiguity.

This reflects the general sloppiness with which this DA has been handled to the detriment of the Community.

We will be contacting the City regarding this and the Councillors of the City of Swan.

This DA has been extremely badly handled by the staff and we the ratepayers are going to have to pay for this.

Those objecting to the DA have not been kept properly informed of its progress before Council and we, the community, have been left with an outcome that is going to affect some members of the community greatly.

General Comment: Suggestions made as to a traffic counter on driveway to site, camera to record any deviation from conditions, complaints to DPIRD on any environmental problems. Already rubbish from Lot 201 is spreading to neighbouring properties.

Noted that detailed photographs have already been sent to Councillors, but no response as yet.

Action: GPA to write to CEO regarding this matter copied to all Councillors

RATES

Members of the community have commented that their rates have increased by over 50%. There appears that in some cases, the City has miscalculated.

Fb entry: Everyone Be Aware Error On Rates please compare your rates from last year to this year .. my inlaws have 3 acres in Millendon and their rates UV valuation jumped up 50%! Upon several discussions on phone and in person, and a lot of time wasted, the City have admitted they made an error and will re-evaluate the huge increase.

Cr. Zannino advised that if rates had risen by more than 50% for ratepayers to contact Valuer General's office.

Comment: GPA would suggest that City's rates office needs to be contacted as well.

MEN'S SHED

The Mens Shed have held their 2024 AGM and have also a Report on the progress they are making with their proposal to build a Shed and Trailer store on the old Tennis Courts at the Showgrounds.

Ref. "Mr T", Andrew Simpson (Treasurer) and "Salty", Andrew Brine (President) provided comprehensive reports: Financial Statements

President's Report on the new shed development progress. Here is the link to the report: <https://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-AGM-Presidents-Report.pdf>

Here is a link to the GMS Business Plan required to secure funding and the Application for Development from the City of Swan for the new shed: <http://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Gidgegannup-Mens-Shed-Business-Plan-vers-3.0-13082024-.pdf>

Congratulations to the Men's Shed for the great progress they have made and we are sure that the community will support this great initiative.

BULLWINKEL - New Seat

Bullwinkel encompasses the Shire of Beverley, Shire of Northam, Shire of Toodyay and Shire of York, along with parts of the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan. Gidgegannup will be part of this new division.

The Nationals WA have announced that former party leader Mia Davies as candidate for the new federal seat of Bullwinkel.

The Liberal Party have officially backed Afghanistan veteran and Walkley award-winning journalist Matt Moran as their candidate.

Labor is yet to select a candidate for the division. But former Maritime Union of Australia organiser and current state Labor senator for the mining and pastoral region Kyle McGinn has nominated as a contender for the seat. Interesting times ahead!

REVEGETATION OF CATALANO'S QUARRY RESERVE ROAD;

Comment was made that the revegetation of the Reserve Road Quarry has not been very well carried out.

The GPA have been raising this matter with the City since February 2021. The Wooroloo Bushfire did decimate some of the 1000acre property but not all. We again raised this matter in 2023 on two occasions and the last information we had was August 2023:

"Yes the rehab works were finalised with the last of the earth contouring being completed 17 May this year."

Attendees at the meeting voiced their concerns that still the Scar from quarrying can be seen.

The original conditions required that each of the 10 cells quarried should be rehabbed as work on those cells was completed.

We are concerned with the rather offhand behaviour of the City over this rehab of a large property. Although zoned Agricultural originally, this has now been subdivided and is in the midst of landscape zoned properties.

Action: GPA to contact City regarding this matter.

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Around the Paddock by The Farmer



Well, August has been a great month for the rain, plenty of it with some decent down pours with smaller amounts in between. Rain water tanks are filling nicely with some overflowing. Dams are full and at last the creeks are running.

Just great to see, after such a depressing Summer and Autumn.

A few sunny days would be handy though, just to let things dry out a bit.

It does make it a bit hard when it comes to putting dry feed out, though the cattle aren't leaving too much on the ground.

The grasses are holding their own at present, but the colder days we had earlier in the month certainly slowed the growth.

Getting any spraying around sheds, buildings and fence lines done has been a bit of hit and miss affair, but like all things where there is unwanted growth it really takes off.

With Spring just around the corner, top dressing of crops and pasture is next on the list.

Not much required, gentle breezes, a few sunny days and then some rain to wash the fertiliser into the ground.

With the cold weather still with us for a few more weeks yet, shelter is of the utmost importance for any livestock you may have, especially if new horns are about.

Shelter in the form of a tree belt or built structure is very important.

Though there has been a few windy days that could have caused damage, there appears to be little in the way of trees and/or branches being brought down onto fences.

No doubt that the merciless fiend, Murphy, will at some stage in the season do his best to have a tree come down onto a fence or two thus giving livestock the opportunity to escape.

A downed fence with livestock behind it is an open invitation for them to investigate what is on the other side.

Much worse if that fence is a road boundary one.

Over the years I have come to the conclusion no matter what the livestock are, they assume that the grass is always better on the other side.

If feeding livestock and you have to get through couple of gates to do it, it is always a better plan, if possible, to have a second person to control the opening and closing of the gates.

There is always one or two that will try and sneak around the vehicle to escape.

Handing feeding is still necessary, whether it be hay, pellets or a combination of both, even if the paddock grasses look OK.

This hand feeding should be maintained until the paddock feed is of sufficient height, quality and strength to sustain them.

But, if the feed that is self sown and of a poor to rubbish quality then it will not be good enough. The establishment of quality pasture is something that should have been taken care of much earlier in the season.

Though this year was a trying one with the Autumn rainfall not being too flash.

Livestock owners have a responsibility for the well being of their stock.

There nothing worse than animals haunched trying to survive the rigours of the wet and cold because there isn't a decent "cover" on them.

Even with the pathetic sale yard prices being achieved this year, they are still a valuable commodity. If selling though the trade sales at auction, the better conditioned ones will still get the "higher" prices on that particular day.

Nothing like the prices we were getting some months ago.

It is always best to consult with an accredited live stock agent as to which is best for you.

There could be a private sale he knows about and it just may fetch a dollar or two more.

Not to be forgotten is the requirement of a current Way Bill Form for any form of sale.

The Spring Flush is not too far away, well hopefully, so the tide may turn for better paddock growth and much better sale yard prices.

Of course I am being extremely optimistic on the sale yard prices.

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SUSANNAH WOOROLOO CATCHMENT GROUP NEWS

Landcare activities are nothing new in this incredible area where we live and recently the Susannah & Wooroloo Brook Catchment Groups have joined forces to form the Susannah Wooroloo Catchment Group. With some fantastic and very knowledgeable members, we are working on projects that not only restore natural habitats but also work towards getting a better understanding of what is actually out there and how the restoration projects are faring.

At the moment the Group has several initiatives underway in various stages of development including a nesting box program that needs expanding and monitoring, regular bird surveys in the Susannah Brook Reserve (now attracting bird watchers from outside the area), local endemic seed collection and propagation and of course the on-ground funded restoration projects.

Currently we have a program in conjunction with Millennium Kids called the Green Labs Citizen Science Project, with a series of activities in the Noble Falls area for families and community to encourage our future generations to participate and be leaders in the area of environmental awareness



Millennium Kids in action.

and restoration.

To date we have had a guided bird walk and a planting day and a hands-on workshop - *Water and Bug Sampling*: Discover the fascinating creatures living in the creek is scheduled for 31 August. Future activities in this series will be posted in the Gidgegram.

We are always keen to have new members join in any capacity, whether in

- on-ground project activities, admin, IT or media skills,

- an interest in actively participating in propagation and growing on local plants for projects,

- fauna monitoring

- or something that the group may be able to support such as a funded project on public reserves or private properties.

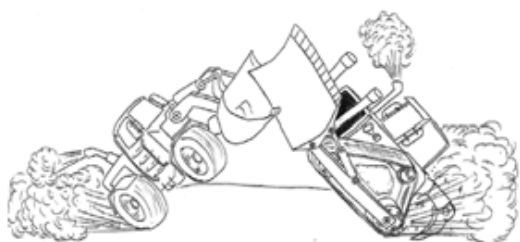
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Having been involved in this industry for over 50 years, both in service and sales, I know that I never stop learning and I hope I never will! To those of you who have just bought a rural property for the first time I'm sure you're going to enjoy what the Gidge district has to offer and if I can be of help in any way please give me a call. Over the coming months I will touch on various subjects but I'm always open to suggestions, except for rude ones of course!

Topics such as safe operation of PTO implements, carrying out oil and filter changes, what to look for when buying equipment, new products that enable you to get more use from your tractor and operating front loaders come to mind straight away. Whether you're a full time farmer, a horticulturalist, have an equestrian property or just love the lifestyle and want your place to look as good as possible, then hopefully you can gain something from my few words each month.

My first topic next month will be safety. Too many people are disabled or killed each year on farms to not take this matter seriously and it is so sad that most of these accidents can be avoided with a little common sense and awareness. *Don't be a statistic please.*

See you next month, Chris.

Email: cdtractors@gmail.com

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**UPDATE FROM
CITY OF SWAN ON
TIMEFRAME FOR THE
RENOVATIONS TO THE
AGRICULTURAL HALL ON
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**...See
Gidge Progress Association
report on page 6.
Thankyou, Sally.**

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Meetings: Tuesdays 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 10.00am to 2.00pm. We are located inside the Gidge Showgrounds – *look out for the road sign.*

Mary Bennett
Secretary, CWA Gidgegannup.



*Which one do you prefer?
Tuesday evening CWA ladies with a difficult choice.*

Gidgegannup Men's Shed

At Gidgegannup Men's Shed (GMS), we provide a diverse range of activities for our members (men and women over 18 years of age) and the wider community.

Our core offerings include metalwork, woodwork, timber milling, mechanics, music, mosaics, art, and a newly added book club. We're currently seeking funding to build a new purpose built shed – a community hub. This will enable us to expand our membership and offer a greater range of activities with dedicated quiet activities area / workshops / kitchenette and trailer garage.

Activities are generally held in the Ian Stannard Pavilion, Gidgegannup Showgrounds. The music group currently meet at a member's studio.

- Mon - Art Group (10am - 12pm) contact Barbara: sponsorship@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au
- Wed - Workshop, mixed session (8am - 12pm)
- Thurs - Music Group - Shed Jam at 12:30pm - contact Bob: secretary@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au
- Fri - Mosaics (9am - 12pm)
- Sat - Workshop, (8am - 12pm)

Men's Chat is held monthly on the first Tuesday of every month from 6 pm, where blokes enjoy an informal relaxed social gathering, BBQ and game of darts.

A number of social events are held throughout the year.

GMS hosts the Community Guest Speaker program sponsored by the City of Swan. Details are published on our website.

New members are always welcome to come along and join in the activities or just come for a chat and a cuppa.

Smoko is usually around 10 am on Wednesday & Saturday. *Hope to see you soon.*

Check out our website for updates and current events: <https://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au/> or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077344217912>

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REALLY GOOD NEWS

To accommodate the ever-increasing numbers of children's entries in Photography, Needlework, Creative Craft and Art, this year extra staging space in the form of a marquee, jointly organised by GAS, Gidge CWA and the City of Swan, will be available. Grateful thanks to everyone involved in making this possible.

As another incentive to facilitate receipt of entries and lessen congestion on pre-Show Friday, exhibitors are encouraged to bring their **children's exhibits** in between **3pm-5.30pm on pre-Show Thursday**. Otherwise they can of course be brought in on pre-Show Friday between 11am-5.30pm for judging to commence promptly at 6.30pm.



Sneak preview

2024 GIDGE SHOW CAKE

In further recognition of the CWA of WA Centenary, this recipe has been selected by Honorary CWA Member and former Royal Agricultural Society judge, Mrs Shirley Robinson, from a 1951 edition of the CWA Cookery Book.

Mrs Robinson has supported the Cooking and Home Produce Sections of the Gidge Show with her expertise for many years, for which the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society is deeply indebted to her.

This Boiled Cake recipe appeared in the 1936 (first) edition of the CWA Cookery Book. The cake tin instructions on size and preparation have been added to make judging of this Class feasible in 2024.

Footnote: Gidge CWA inform that Mrs Robinson has been a member for 59 years, only pipped by another Show stalwart, Mrs Dons Coombs with 61 years of involvement. Congratulations indeed, ladies!

BOILED CAKE

1 cup water
1 cup sugar
½ cup butter
2½ cups self-raising flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup currants
1 cup sultanas
½ cup boiling water
2 eggs
2 teaspoons mixed spice
1 small teaspoon carbonate soda

PREPARE YOUR CAKE TIN

Line a 20cm round cake tin. Cut a circle of brown paper the size of the base of the tin, then a strip of brown paper long enough to go right round the tin's edges, with a good overlap and about 5cm higher. Make 3cm slantwise cuts along one edge of this strip of paper.

Grease the tin and fit the long strip of paper inside, with the snipped margin lying flat around the bottom. Fit the piece of paper for the base of the tin over this. Repeat, using baking paper or greased greaseproof paper.

METHOD

Put the cup of water, currants, sugar, sultanas, butter and spice into a saucepan and boil for 3 minutes. When cold add the carbonate of soda dissolved in the boiling water, then the flour and, lastly, the eggs, well-beaten. Put into a greased cake tin and bake for 1½ hours in a moderate oven.

Miss Flo. Richards, Bunbury.



Hopefully the winter rains have filled water tanks and revitalized the bush following the brutal summer we experienced earlier this year. With another summer looming, now's the time to prepare our gardens for a productive Spring and here's a handy reminder of what to do in your garden this month:

NOW is the time to fertilise your fruit trees; they'll be waking up from winter dormancy (deciduous trees) and putting on their spring flush (deciduous and evergreen trees). Compost, aged manure, a balanced slow release fertiliser or rock dust will supply nutrients to sustain Spring growth and flowering/fruiting.

Start off your spring/summer vegie seeds. NOW is the time to start off a huge range of summer crops. Ideally, start seedlings off in seedling trays or pots so you can keep an eye on them over colder/wetter conditions and move them to a more sheltered or warmer spot in the garden. They'll establish and be ready to plant out in another month or so.

Prepare your soil for your Spring vegetable patch.

Replenish garden beds with compost, aged manure, worm castings - or a high quality soil improver. Dig it through, and leave for a couple of weeks ideally before planting out your spring seedlings. *In a hurry?* If you're using fresher materials, plant out seedlings into a handful of a good quality potting mix so roots don't burn or rot.

Feed and prune your passionfruit vine. Time it between harvesting any winter crops and before your vine is in full flower again in Spring. Cut back by up to a third, feed and mulch heavily. Passionfruit are hungry plants - *so don't be stingy!*

Repot your indoor plants. If you haven't done so already, repot and tidy up your indoor and patio plants. They'll respond to the TLC and the warmer weather with healthy new growth.

Weeds. Yep - not glamorous but this is the time of year you can't turn your back on weeds. If you can't get time to pull them, make sure you slash them before they set seed. Obviously they'll try to send out more flowers (seed heads in the making) but every successive mow or whippersnip will take vitality from the plant and you'll end up with less seed to spread, for sure.

Plant flowers. Besides giving your spring/summer garden some colour, you'll be bringing in the pollinators and other beneficial insects and assisting with biodiversity in your garden. Edible flowers make a lovely addition to summer salads or to freeze into ice blocks for your cooling summer beverage of choice!

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